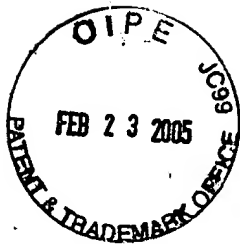


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Applicant: **Gavin et al.** Art Unit No.: **1651**  
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Madam:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004 in connection with the above identified application. A response to the August 24, 2004 Office Action was due November 24, 2004. A Petition for a three-month extension of time being filed herewith makes Amendment timely filed. In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

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